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For: **LOCKING FOLDING KNIFE**)
AND ASSOCIATED METHODS)
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Sir:

The inventor of the above-referenced application, John PerMar, hereby declares the following:

1. I am over the age of 18.
2. I am the sole inventor of the above-referenced invention.
3. The invention is directed to a folding knife having a blade rotatably connected to a handle, a lock bar pivotally connected to the handle, and a lock pin connected to the handle.
4. The lock bar includes a first lock member and a second lock member adjacent the first lock member, and is moveable between an engaged position and a disengaged position.
5. When the lock bar is in the engaged position, a portion of a first sidewall of the first lock member contacts a portion of a first sidewall of a first lock member recess formed in the blade to

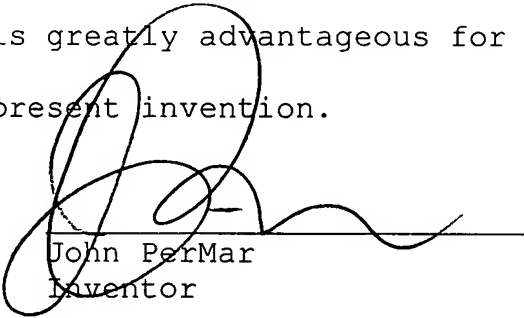
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define a contact point between the lock bar and the blade when the blade is in the open position.

6. As illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2 of the present application, the lock bar **30** is a one piece lock bar that is pivotally connected to the handle so that engagement of the proximal end portion **32** thereof allows for movement of the lock bar between engaged and disengaged positions.

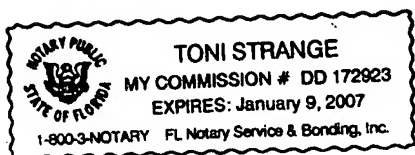
7. The one piece construction of the lock bar allows for ready engagement between the first lock member and the first lock member recess, and the second lock member and the second lock member recess.

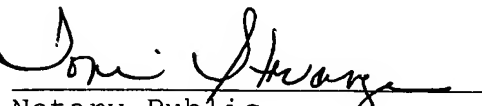
8. The one piece construction of the lock bar is necessary for manufacturing purposes, and is greatly advantageous for ease of use of the folding knife of the present invention.


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The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of March, 2006 by John PerMar, who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.




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